



Approved March 11, 2013

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

**5:00 p.m. Monday, February 11, 2013
Human Resources Pinnacle Conference Room
7575 E. Main Street
Scottsdale, Arizona**

Present: Jeff Jameson, Chair
Bob Fox, Commissioner, Vice Chair
James Campbell, Commissioner (left at 6:26 p.m.)
Susan Galpin, Commissioner
Lauren Griswold, Commissioner (arrived at 5:14 p.m.)
Edward Lopez, Commissioner

Absent: Joel Martin, Commissioner

Staff: Velicia McMillan Humes
Mark Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jameson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:08 p.m. A roll call confirmed members present as noted above.

1 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED 5-0: Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting as presented. Seconded by Vice Chair Fox. Commissioner Griswold was not yet present. Commissioner Martin was absent.

2 POSSIBLE CO-SPONSORSHIP WITH SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON ARIZONA WE WANT

Chair Jameson reported that Scottsdale Community College (SCC) has asked the HRC to co-sponsor a public dialogue on diversity to be held March 27 on campus. The speakers will



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come from the Arizona We Want initiative. He felt co-sponsorship would increase the HRC's profile in the community. Dr. McMillan Humes explained that the Commission has the latitude to collaborate with any community organization that has a similar mission in an effort to leverage resources.

Commissioners expressed their intent to avoid advocating for a particular action or policy. Commissioner Campbell clarified that the partnership is with SCC, not with Arizona We Want, and is meant to encourage public dialogue only.

APPROVED 4-0: Vice Chair Fox moved to have the Human Relations Commission co-sponsor, with Scottsdale Community College, the March 27 Arizona We Want event. Seconded by Commissioner Lopez. Commissioners Galpin and Griswold abstained. Commissioner Martin was absent.

3 SELECTION OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION CHAIR

ELECTED CHAIR: Chair Jameson, 5-0. Commissioner Griswold nominated Jeff Jameson to continue as Chair of the Human Relations Commission for 2013. Seconded by Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Jameson abstained.

There were no further nominations.

4 REVIEW OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. McMillan Humes said the Annual Report reflects the work that the Human Relations Commission has done over the past year to meet their charter. The Annual Report is due to City Council on February 22. A sunset review of the HRC will be conducted in March. The Commission provided feedback on the section identifying their key challenges and goals. Dr. McMillan Humes said their comments would be incorporated into the final draft. Commissioners also discussed the social issues they anticipated would likely arise during the upcoming year.

APPROVED 6-0: Vice Chair Fox moved to approve the amended Human Relations Commission Annual Report. Seconded by Commissioner Galpin. Commissioner Martin was absent.

CIVIL DIALOGUE SERIES 2012-2013

Chair Jameson reported that 62 people attended the February 7 presentation of *The Need for Conversation* hosted by Don Logan. Commissioners shared their impressions of the event, noting that the discussion was very engaging, though the stage lighting was uneven. Vice Mayor Suzanne Klapp attended. The Commission proposed ideas to mitigate challenges associated with the library venue.

Commissioner Campbell reviewed preparations for *Understanding the Refugee Experience*, which is scheduled for May 8. Immigrants at various stages of assimilation into the United States will share their stories. This will be followed by a Q&A session. Four community organizations have agreed to participate, and will promote the event on their websites. The



Commission explored options to have the event videorecorded. A pre-event interview will be recorded at Channel 11 on March 28.

Commissioner Campbell proposed inviting Joanne Morales from Catholic Charities and Megan O'Connor of the Welcome to America Project to a future HRC meeting.

5 CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Chair Jameson provided his observations on this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner and the Unity Walk.

6 COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Galpin said she would be attending the Asian Chamber of Commerce Dinner on February 24. Commissioner Griswold discussed the speakers at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner. Commissioner Lopez said momentum is building for the *Refugee* event, and this is largely due to Commissioner Campbell's efforts.

7 OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. § 38-431.02)

None.

8 STAFF LIAISON ITEMS

Mark Wilson said staff will work to overcome the limitations of the library venue in time for the *Refugee* event, but he noted that the facility is old.

9 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:32 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Reviewed by,
Jeff Jameson, Chair SHRC



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